

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 were originally pending. Please cancel claims 1-6 and 13-20 without prejudice. Please add claims 21 and 22. Accordingly, claims 7-12 and 21-22 are currently pending

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) In a document summarizing application executing on a processing device to construct a summary of a document, wherein the summary is in part derived from counting how frequently words appear in the document, a computer-implemented method comprising:

evaluating words in the document to identify ordered sets of words that appear repeatedly in a same order;

ranking individual sentences in the document by treating the ordered sets of words as if they were single words;

generating the summary based at least in part on the sentence rankings;

inserting the summary into a file comprising the document; and
saving the file to non-volatile data storage.

1 8. (Original) A word processing application stored in a storage
2 medium which directs a computer to perform operations of the computer-
3 implemented method as recited in claim 7.

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5 9. (Original) An electronic mail application stored in a storage
6 medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented
7 method as recited in claim 7.

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9 10. (Original) An Internet web browser application stored in a
10 storage medium which directs a computer to perform the computer-
11 implemented method as recited in claim 7.

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13 11. (Original) A computer programmed to perform the computer-
14 implemented method as recited in claim 7.

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16 12. (Original) A document file formed in memory as a result of
17 the computer-implemented method recited in claim 7.

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19 13-20. (Canceled).

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21 21. (New) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-
22 program instructions executable by a processor to construct a summary of a
23 document, wherein the summary is in part derived from counting how
24 frequently words appear in the document, the computer-program
25 instructions comprising instructions for:

1 evaluating words in the document to identify ordered sets of words
2 that appear repeatedly in a same order;

3 ranking individual sentences in the document by treating the
4 ordered sets of words as if they were single words;

5 generating the summary based at least in part on the sentence
6 rankings;

7 inserting the summary into a file comprising the document; and
8 saving the file to non-volatile data storage.

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10 22. (New) A computing device comprising:

11 a processor; and

12 a memory coupled to the processor, memory comprising computer-
13 program instructions executable by the processor to construct a summary of
14 a document, wherein the summary is in part derived from counting how
15 frequently words appear in the document, the computer-program
16 instructions comprising instructions for:

17 evaluating words in the document to identify ordered sets of
18 words that appear repeatedly in a same order;

19 ranking individual sentences in the document by treating the
20 ordered sets of words as if they were single words;

21 generating the summary based at least in part on the sentence
22 rankings;

23 inserting the summary into a file comprising the document;
24 and

25 saving the file to non-volatile data storage.